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MICHIGAN BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2014

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Veterinary Medicine met in regular session on December 18, 2014 at the Ottawa Building; 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Christopher Rohwer, DVM, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Christopher Rohwer, DVM, Chairperson
Lynn Happel, Vice Chairperson, DVM
Charlotte Kim, DVM
Michael Bell, Public Member
Peter Levine, Public Member
Renee Werth, Public Member
Marianne Tear, MS, LVT
James Averill, DVM, *Ex-Officio* Member (arrived at 1:34 p.m.)
Dwight McNally, DVM

Members Absent: Colleen Thorp-Stout, DVM

Staff Present: Shellayne Grimes, Secretary, Policy, Rules and Board Support
Norene Lind, Policy Manager, Policy, Rules and Board Support
Michael Siracuse, Analyst, Policy, Rules and Board Support
Bridget Smith, Assistant Attorney General
Michele Wagner-Gutkowski, Assistant Attorney General
(arrived at 1:48 p.m.)

Others Present: Karlene Belyea, Michigan Veterinary Medicine Association (MVMA)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Happel, seconded by Levine, to approve the September 25, 2014 meeting minutes, with the correct spelling of "Belyea" under PUBLIC COMMENT on Page 4.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Tear, seconded by Happel, to approve the agenda, as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Veterinary Technician Exam Committee

Rohwer reported that all grading has been completed for the Veterinary Technician Exam. A new committee will be formed to follow up next year's exam.

Allegation Review Report

Rohwer informed that 16 allegation files have been reviewed since the last Board meeting; four (4) have been authorized for investigation and 12 have been closed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Administrative Rules

Michael Siracuse introduced himself as the new Analyst for the Policy, Rules and Board Support Section.

Siracuse welcomed any questions, corrections or changes to the proposed Administrative Rules. Discussion was held regarding the general purpose of each rule set.

Siracuse informed that since the rulemaking process takes approximately 16-18 months to complete, it is unlikely that the draft Veterinary Technician Rules will be completed before the Veterinary Technician board examination date in May, 2015; hence, the test requirement will remain in effect until the rules are fully promulgated.

Siracuse confirmed that veterinary records must currently be retained for three (3) years. The proposed rules would increase that number to seven (7) years, which is consistent with the patient record retention schedule of other health professionals, but this requirement will only apply to new records.

Additionally, Siracuse offered to send the General Rule sets by email to several board members.

MOTION by Tear, seconded by Bell, to approve the proposed Administrative Rules for Board of Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Technician Licensure and Veterinary Medicine – General Rules.

MOTION PREVAILED

Department Update

Lind informed that Bureau Director Carole Engle will be retiring at the end of this calendar year.

Rohwer noted that there has been an improvement of timeliness with allegation and enforcement cases.

Questions were raised by Board members who are interested in knowing if and how the new laws regarding compounding affect them. They also raised questions about the legality of third party dispensing. Assistant Attorney General Smith noted that staff should stop short of issuing legal advice and should instead try to pull together all pertinent statutes and information to share with Board members.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

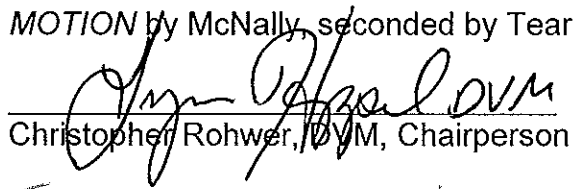
Karlene Belyea from the MVMA commented that today's discussion was fascinating. The MVMA has been receiving questions about the new pharmacy compounding laws, as well. She noted that the MVMA has sought sponsorship of legislation to require 30 hours of continuing education for veterinarians and 10 hours of continuing education for veterinary technicians. Look for this new legislation to be introduced during the next legislative session.

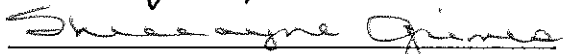
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held March 26, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by McNally, seconded by Tear, to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m.


Christopher Rohwer, DVM, Chairperson


Shellayne Grimes, Board Secretary

3/26/15
Date Minutes Approved

12/18/2014
Date Minutes Prepared